

**A. Clean Version of Replacement Paragraph/Section/Claim  
with Instructions for Entry**

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

*Please substitute the following claim(s) for the pending claim(s) of corresponding number.*

Sub 4. Connecting element according to claim 1, wherein the slide (50) slides along a bushing (60) extending through the housing (10).

5. Connecting element according to claim 2, wherein additional recesses (61) for the snapping hooks (53) are provided inside the bushing (60) to preliminary fix the slide (50) for facilitating the connecting of the engaging element (30) with the receiving element (51) in the first position.

6. Connecting element according to claim 4, wherein the bushing (60) is apart from one or more slits (72) for the release lever (55) covered by a cover (70) on the side opposite to the engaging element (30).

7. Connecting element according to claim 1, wherein a damping element (80) for damping the transmission of vibrations between the two parts (20, 40) is provided inside the housing (10).

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